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Remarks

Claims 42, 43, 48, 63, 66 and 101-104 stand allowed. New claims 106-127 have been added. Newly submitted claims 106-126 are dependent either directly or indirectly on allowed claim 42. Accordingly, Applicants submit that new claims 106-127 require no additional search and respectfully request entry thereof. Support for new claims 106-127 can be found in general throughout Applicants' Specification and in particular, for example, as follows: claims 106, page 9, lines 17-29; claim 107, page 9, lines 17-29 and page 11, lines 22-24; claims 108-110 and 112-119, page 14, lines 26-30; claim 111, page 9, lines 17-29; claims 120 and 121, page 6, lines 8-13; claims 122-125, original claims 23 and 24 and page 19, lines 32-37; claim 126, page 7, line 13; claim 127, page 8, line 28.

New claims 106-127 were inadvertently omitted from the Amendment After Final filed April 5, 2004 due to a misunderstanding of the statements in the Advisory Action and the inability to clarify the same with the Examiner prior to the April 5th due date. During a teleconference with the Examiner, the Examiner stated that because claims 106-127 were dependent on an allowed claim, claims 106-127 could be submitted. Applicant submits that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the amendment be entered.

Applicants submit that claims now pending are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Applicants have previously submitted a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time up to and including April 5, 2004. If the Commissioner determines that a two month extension of time is required, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the fees that constitute the difference between the fees paid previously for the one month extension of time and the fees due for a two month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 06-2241.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-2241.

Respectfully submitted,

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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-41 (cancelled)

42.(Previously Presented) A method of coating a substrate, said method comprising
releasing a hot melt adhesive that has been thermally made flowable from a coating device in the form of a substantially continuous film without contact between said coating device and a substrate; and
contacting the surface of a substrate comprising a substantially nonporous moving web with said continuous film to form a coated substrate having a continuous coating having an area weight less than about 30 g/m^2 ,
said coated substrate being essentially free of entrapped air between the coating and the substrate.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein said coating has an area weight of less than about 10 g/m^2 .

Claims 44-47 (cancelled)

48.(Previously Presented) A method of coating, comprising
releasing a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, from a coating device onto a substantially nonporous substrate as a substantially continuous coating without contact between said coating device and said substrate,
subsequently disposing said substantially continuous coating upon the surface of said substrate at a coating weight of less than about 10 g/m^2 ;
nipping said coated substrate between a first roller and a second roller; and
contacting the coating of said nipped substrate with a second substrate.

Claims 49-62 (cancelled).

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63.(Previously Presented) A method of coating, wherein a thermoplastic material, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate and said film is then coated onto a nonporous substrate, said coating having a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/sec at the coating temperature,

said method further comprising transferring said continuous film from said first substrate to a second substrate.

Claims 64 and 65 (cancelled)

66.(Previously Presented) A method of coating, wherein a thermoplastic material, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate and said film is then coated onto a nonporous substrate, said coating having a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/sec at the coating temperature, said method further comprising

nipping said coated substrate and

contacting the coating of said nipped substrate with a second substrate.

Claims 67-100 (cancelled)

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said first substrate comprises film and said second substrate comprises foil.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said first substrate comprises foil and said second substrate comprises film.

103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein at least one of said first substrate and said second substrate comprises metallized film.

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104. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said first substrate comprises film and said second substrate comprises paper.

105. (Cancelled)

106. (New) The method of claim 42, further comprising nipping said continuous film and said substrate between a first roller and a second roller,

107. (New) The method of claim 106, wherein said contacting and said nipping occur substantially simultaneously.

108. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein said substrate comprises a polymeric film.

109. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein said substrate comprises foil.

110. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein said substrate comprises metallized polymeric film.

111. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the substrate of said coated substrate is a first substrate, said method further comprising contacting the coating of said coated substrate with a second substrate.

112. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said second substrate comprises a polymeric film.

113. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said second substrate comprises foil.

114. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said second substrate comprises metallized polymeric film.

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115. (New) The method of claim 111, wherein said second substrate comprises paper.

116. (New) The method of claim 112, wherein said first substrate comprises a polymeric film.

117. (New) The method of claim 113, wherein said first substrate comprises foil.

118. (New) The method of claim 113, wherein said first substrate comprises polymeric film.

119. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said first substrate comprises metallized polymeric film.

120. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein said hot melt adhesive has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at 1000 radians/sec at the coating temperature.

121. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein said hot melt adhesive has a complex viscosity of less than about 1000 poise at 1 radians/sec at the coating temperature

122. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the adhesive composition is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 177°C.

123. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the adhesive composition is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 160°C.

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124. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the adhesive composition is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 125°C.

125. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the adhesive composition is released from the coating device at a temperature less than about 110°C.

126. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the distance between the coating device and the substrate is greater than 20 mm.

127. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the coating device is a slot nozzle.